

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

|                |   |                               |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Applicant      | : | Don Kennard                   |
| App. No.       | : | Unknown                       |
| Filed          | : | Herewith                      |
| For            | : | IMMEDIATE PROVISIONAL IMPLANT |
| Examiner       | : | Unknown                       |
| Group Art Unit | : | Unknown                       |

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 9 references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 09/551,000, filed April 18, 2000, which is the parent of this Divisional application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 10-22-03

By: 

Rabinder N. Narula  
Registration No. 53,371  
Attorney of Record  
Customer No. 20,995  
(949) 760-0404

|  |                                   |                            |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE<br><br><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT<br/>         BY APPLICANT</b><br><br>(USE SEVERAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY) | ATTY. DOCKET NO.<br>NOBELB.063DV1 | APPLICATION NO.<br>Unknown |
|  | APPLICANT<br>Don Kennard          |                            |
|  | FILING DATE<br>Herewith           | GROUP<br>Unknown           |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |   |                 |          |                |       |          |                                 |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------|----------|----------------|-------|----------|---------------------------------|
| EXAMINER<br>INITIAL   |   | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE     | NAME           | CLASS | SUBCLASS | FILING DATE<br>(IF APPROPRIATE) |
|                       | 1 | 3,466,748       | 12/15/67 | Christensen    |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 2 | 4,906,191       | 03/1990  | Soderberg      |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 3 | 5,074,790       | 12/2491  | Bauer          |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4 | 5,312,255       | 05/17/94 | Bauer          |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5 | 5,556,280       | 09/1996  | Pelak          |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 6 | 5,906,489       | 05/1999  | Khazzam et al. |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 7 | 6,325,628       | 12/2001  | Morgan         |       |          |                                 |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS |   |                 |          |         |       |          |             |    |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------|----------|---------|-------|----------|-------------|----|
| EXAMINER<br>INITIAL      |   | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE     | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUBCLASS | TRANSLATION |    |
|                          |   |                 |          |         |       |          | YES         | NO |
|                          | 8 | DE 3918309 A1   | 06/05/89 | Germany |       |          |             |    |
|                          | 9 | WO 99/29256     | 12/08/98 | PCT     |       |          |             |    |

H:\DOCS\IRNN\IRNN-7202.DOC  
102203

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| EXAMINER   | DATE CONSIDERED |
| *EXAMINER: INITIAL IF CITATION CONSIDERED, WHETHER OR NOT CITATION IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH MPEP 609; DRAW LINE THROUGH CITATION IF NOT IN CONFORMANCE AND NOT CONSIDERED, INCLUDE COPY OF THIS FORM WITH NEXT COMMUNICATION TO APPLICANT. |                 |